

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, October 23, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall, Council Members, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Michael R. Sattem

Absent: Council Member Ralph B. Blasier

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

City Clerk Robert S. Richards gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2014, Special Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2014, and Special Joint City Council & Electrical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

RETIREMENT PROCLAMATION

Mayor Tall presented Dale L. VanDrese of the Escanaba Department of Public Safety a certificate thanking Mr. VanDrese for his years and dedication and service to the City of Escanaba, and also a Proclamation as October 23, 2014, "Dale L. VanDrese Day", in the City of Escanaba.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION PROCLAMATION

Mayor Tall presented, Bruce and Marjery Heller, the parents of A1C Kelton J. Heller, United States Air Force, proclamations from the State of Michigan, and City of Escanaba, in recognition of A1C Kelton J. Heller's accomplishments and commitment to duty. The people of Escanaba, Delta County, the State of Michigan and the Nation are forever grateful, and designated October 26, 2014, as, "Kelton J. Heller Day", in the City of Escanaba.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Tall proclaimed November 2014, as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month in the City of Escanaba. Hospice and palliative care offer the highest quality services and support to patients and family caregivers facing serious and life-limiting illness. Mayor Tall encouraged citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1155 – Les Cheneaux (a.k.a Bridgewood Non-Profit Housing Corporation) Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and Approval of a Municipal Services Agreement – Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP).

UPCAP, owner and operator of the Les Cheneaux Apartment Complex located at 825 South 26th Street, Escanaba, MI, requested the City of Escanaba approve a PILOT Ordinance and Municipal Services Agreement so that they can seek USDA funding to renovate and update the apartment complex.

Manager O'Toole stated under the conditions as set forth in Ordinance No. 1155, the City would receive an annual service charge equal to four (4) percent of the difference the annual shelter rents actually collected and utilities, and furthermore as set forth in the Municipal Services Agreement, the City would also receive an annual service payment for the municipal services that were provided at the property such as police, fire.

Jonathan Mead of UPCAP spoke briefly of proposed PILOT ordinance, and upgrades for the 32 apartment units located in the Les Cheneaux Apartment Complex. He advised the PILOT would reduce property taxes and some financial burden in maintaining and operating the project. Mr. Mead also stated obtaining the PILOT was a requirement for projects seeking United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding for renovation and upgrading the project.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing.

PH-1a “By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1155, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in

accordance with the requirements of the City Charter."

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Beauchamp, Sattem, Baribeau, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1155 adopted by title:

**"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 - TAXATION
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA"**

Full text in Ordinance Record "K".

PH-1b "By Council Member Sattem, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

Resolved, that the City of Escanaba formally adopts a Municipal Services Agreement with Bridgewood Non-Profit Housing Corporation, a Michigan 501(c) (3) Not-For Profit Company, to receive an annual service payment for the municipal services that will be provided at the Les Cheneaux Apartment Complex.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Sattem, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Update – Sale of the Power Plant – City Manager’s Office.

Manager O’Toole advised no update was received regarding the sale of the Escanaba generating facility.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus made the following appointments:

Extended the terms of Don Curran and Ellie O’Donnell for one year on the Historic District Commission.

Reappointed Karen Lindquist to her first term on the Historic District Commission, term ending October 1, 2017.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Members of the public were encouraged to get out and vote at the General Election on November 4, 2014.

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 979 – Electrical Department Group.

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 406 – Public Safety Officers/Dispatch Group.

Administration requested the Council go into closed session to discuss a 3 year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Escanaba and IBEW Local 979, Electrical Department Group, and Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety Officer/Dispatch Group.

Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, to go into into closed session to discuss a 3 year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Escanaba and IBEW Local 979, Electrical Department Group, and Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety Officer/Dispatch Group.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baribeau, Beauchamp, Sattem, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 7:18 p.m.

Council came back into open session at 7:35 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

NB-2a Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve a 3 year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Escanaba and IBEW Local 979, Electrical Department Group.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baribeau, Beauchamp, Sattem, Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2b Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve a 3 year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Escanaba Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety Officer/Dispatch Group.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Beauchamp, Baribeau, Sattem, Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor